# Materials Sciences Division Safety Committee Meeting

May 11, 2010



# **Opening Remarks**



- Miquel Salmeron, Director of Materials Sciences Division
- Mark Alper, Deputy Division Director, Materials Sciences Division

# Agenda



- MSD Safety Committee
  - Membership
- Electrical Safety Issues
  - Guest speaker: Keith Gershon-Electrical Safety, Subject Matter Expert
- Recent incidents/injuries
  - Sprinkler release in Foundry clean room
  - Lithium reaction/unauthorized lithium purchase
  - Two repetitive trauma (ergonomic) injuries

### Other Topics

- Deterioration of SAA management in recent months—Paul Johnson
- Continued availability of Viton gloves
- New training for area leads
- Repair/deactivation of unsafe electrical equipment
- <sup>3</sup>He shortage

### MSD Safety Committee — Membership & Liaisons



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Rick Kelly, Joel Ager

#### **Building Managers:**

Gilbert Torres (62, 66, 67),

John Turner (72),

Oliver Gessler (2, shared with Gil Torres)

#### MSD EHS Administrative Support:

Susan Waters

#### Electrical Safety Repairs:

Jim Severns (MSD)

#### MSD EH&S Technician:

Paul Johnson

Carleton Falzone

#### LBL Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) Rep

Erik Anderson

#### **Liaisons:**

EH&S Liaison to MSD:

Larry Mclouth

#### Waste Generator Assistant Liaison:

Howard Hansen (EHS)

<u>Representative</u>	Group
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Molecular Foundry/Zuckerman
Molecular Foundry/Ogletree
Tracy Mattox
Molecular Foundry/Milliron
Bruce Harteneck
Molecular Foundry/Cabrini
Molecular Foundry/Svec
David Prendergast
Molecular Foundry/Neaton

David Bunzow Molecular Foundry/User Program

Doreen Ah Tye
James Hinton
Joseph Lemberg
Sabine Maier
Yi Zhu
Robert Baker
Grace Lau

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Each LBNL-based research group in MSD, including each program in the Molecular Foundry, will designate a primary and backup representative to serve on the Safety Committee

### MSD Safety Committee – Electrical Safety Issues



Guest Speaker – Keith Gershon

LBNL Electrical Safety Subject Matter Expert

kdgershon@lbl.gov x 4694

### Reminder: Rules for LOTO/Energized Electrical Work



- Lock out/tag out (LOTO) or energized electrical work can only be performed by people who have the required training and are authorized via an activity hazard document
- AHDs in place:
  - —Ion Implanter in B2
  - —Accelerator in B62
- AHDs in works:
  - —Salmeron Group
  - —CXRO Nanofab
  - —Division Electronics Tech
  - —Schoenlein group

### **Near Misses and Accidents**



### The Foundry Clean Room Flood



Subcontractor hired to clean the clean room after construction.

Take home message: Don't let anyone work near the sprinklers without taking special precautions!

What would you do??

### **Near Misses and Accidents**



### Lithium Metal Event





- Metallic lithium purchased without required hazard review and AHD
- Unknown external heat source burned through top of container, allowing Li (apparently in air at the time) to react
- Someone placed damaged container/Li in nitrogen inert/dry box, where it was later discovered--N2 storage is not appropriate for Li due to Li<sub>3</sub>N formation

### **Near Misses and Accidents**



June 1, 2009

### **Ergonomic Injuries Continue**

- Two more repetitive trauma (ergonomic) injuries in MSD
- Review of workstations of selected students and post docs will be performed in May and June

# Materials Safety

A Message from Rick Kelly

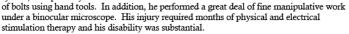
#### Recognize New Ergonomic Hazards When Your Work Changes

Relatively small and apparently innocuous changes in work can lead to new hazards and serious injuries.

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Recently, a Division staff scientist developed a serious and painful ergonomic injury due, in part, to an increase of computer use. His pain and disability continues despite physical therapy. Changes in computer use are common when researchers spend more time writing articles, preparing presentations and completing dissertations.

Other injuries involve use of lab equipment. A couple of years ago, a student suffered a very severe ergonomic injury due to an increase in physical work-load after the departure of a co-worker. Working on a large vacuum system, he repeatedly removed and reinstalled hundreds







#### The take-home message here is:

- Make a conscious effort to recognize when even minor changes in work may introduce new hazards.
- 2. Report physical pain related to cumulative trauma (ergonomic pain) immediately.

# **MSD Safety Committee**



# SAA Inspection Finding

Paul Johnson
MSD ES&H Technician



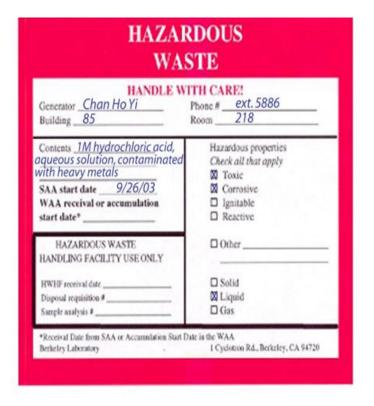


- Keep all non-SAA related matter out
- No unlabeled waste should be in the SAA
- Hazardous waste labels should be completely filled out
- House Keeping
- Safety Glasses should be worn when entering labs without exemptions
- Any "empty daily" containers should be emptied at the end of each day
- Waste containers should have covers, caps or lids
- Waste accumulation logs should be kept
- Sharps containers should have any "bio-waste" labeling removed or obscured
- SAA label should have a current user and correct information.



### Important Things to Remember

- Completely fill out label
  - Name
  - Building
  - Office Location
  - Phone Number
- Complete description of waste
- SAA start date in correct location
- All hazardous properties marked



These may seem like simple things, but too many times these are overlooked.



### **SAA Label**

- Current SAA manager name
- User building and room
- Telephone extension
- Type of waste

You can get these labels from

Paul M Johnson or Carleton Falzone





### Housekeeping

- Keep bench tops clear
- •Keep walkways and exits free of obstructions
- Don't block electrical panels
- •Keep laser bench tops free of clutter
- •Keep fume hoods clean and free of clutter











### Past Inspection Findings

- Incomplete labeling: 4
- Out date waste (Past 6 months): 2
- Non-SAA objects in SAA: 1
- No hazardous waste labels: 1
- Non SAA related findings: 2

We can and have to do better!!



# If you have or need

- Hazardous Waste Labels
- SAA labels
- Chemical Barcodes
- Nano labels
- Waste related questions
- Setting up an SAA
- Any Safety related questions

Call: Paul Johnson x5810 Carleton Falzone x7679

### **Viton Gloves**



- Division office is stocking Viton rubber gloves, only gloves that will work for dichloromethane / methylene chloride
- Let Paul or Carleton know if you need some of these gloves--sizes from very small to huge



# Implementation of Area Lead Approach



New Training requirement for area leads: EHS 0042

The supervisor must ultimately approve the JHAs and authorize work!

## Repair of Electrical Equipment Deemed Unsafe



- Electrical equipment that has been inspected and deemed "unsafe" must be repaired or taken out of service within 90 days.
- See provided list of unsafe equipment
- Most repairs can be done by Jim Severns from MSD
- If Jim can not repair it, it may have to be disposed of

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